

June 9, 2019

7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA ~ HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
SUNDAY AFTER OUR LORD'S ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN ON THE 40TH DAY AFTER PASCHA

Tone - 6 10th Matins Gospel {*John 21:1-14*}

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship in our Banquet Center!

Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** {*the Golden-Mouth*},
we sing the following Special Hymns for today:

First Festal Antiphon (*verses from Psalm 46*)

Verse 1 Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

Refrain: *Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

Verse 2 For the Lord Most High is terrible, a great King over all the earth. Refrain

Verse 3 He hath subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. Refrain

Verse 4 God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet. Refrain

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen. Refrain

Second Festal Antiphon (*verses from Psalm 47*)

Verse 1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountains.

Refrain: *O Son of God who didst ascend in glory from us to Heaven, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.*

Verse 2 The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. Refrain

Verse 3 God is known in her towers, when He cometh to help her. Refrain

Verse 4 For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. Refrain

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *O only-begotten Son ...*

Third Festal Antiphon (*verses from Psalm 48*)

Verse 1 Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

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Verse 2 My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Verse 3 I will incline mine ear unto a parable, I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

Refrain: Troparion of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—Tone 4

O Christ God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit! Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world! لقد صعدت بمجد أيها المسيح الهنا، وفرحت تلاميذك بموعد الروح القدس، وثبتتهم بالبركة، لأنك ابن الله منقذ العالم

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and was not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord glory to Thee.

إن القوات الملائكية ظهروا على قبرك الموقر. والحراس صاروا كالأموات. ومريم وقفت عند القبر طالبة جسدك الطاهر. فسييت الجحيم ولم تجرب منها وصادقت البتول مائحا الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الأموات يا رب المجد لك.

Troparion of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—Tone 4

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Troparion of the Holy Fathers—Tone 8

Most glorified art thou, O Christ our God, who hast established our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to thee.

أنت أيها المسيح الهنا الفائق التسبيح، يا من أسست آباءنا القديسين على الأرض كواكب لامعة، وبهم هديتنا جميعاً إلى الإيمان الحقيقي، يا جزيل الرحمة، المجد لك.

Troparion for St. George—Tone 4

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—Tone 6

When Thou did fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven: Thou did ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!

لما أكملت التدبير الذي من أجلنا، ووحدت الأرضيات والسماويات، صعدت بمجد أيها المسيح الهنا، دون أن تبرح مكاناً، بل لابتاً غير منفصل وهاتفاً بمحبتيك: أنا معكم، وليس أحد عليكم

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36 {7th Sunday of Pascha}

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13 {7th Sunday of Pascha}

Holy Bread Offerings

- **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch for the health of their family on the occasion of their 50th anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony -- *May God grant them many years!*
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **John Khoury** (+April 28th), **Lana Elias** (+May 11th, relative of the Elias and Hanna Families), **Olga Hayek** (+May 12th sister-in-

law of Zahra Hayek), **Izzat** Qumesiah (+May 12th, brother of Aziz), **George** Salim (+May 13th, brother-in-law of Basil Andoni), and **Widad** Salomon (+May 19th), **Androlla** Abu Aita (+May 23rd), and **Emil** Isaac (+May 26th, brother/uncle of Sami Alshahouri and Vera Daoud).

- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar** Abdallah, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Soad** Abuaita, **Georgette** Abueita, **Khaled** Al-Khoury, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Roland** and **Ronald** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** & **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **John** Salomon, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; **Christiaan** Burbar who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion; **Rene** and **Natania** (Pribis) Hanna who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Katrina** (Gary) Gagne, **Jennifer** (Michael) Habbo {daughter of James and Maggie David}, and **Sandy** (Raad) Qumsich {daughter of Issa and Esperanza}

Communion Hymn (for the Lord's Day)

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reception of Holy Communion

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion.

Instead of singing, *We have seen the True Light...*, we sing the **Troparion of the Ascension** (see above)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP MEMORIAL MEAL is in our Lounge and hosted by *Michael and Nancy Silpoch*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 30th, July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge and includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. For more information, see Manal Abuaita.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ...

... the Ladies Auxiliary expresses their gratitude to **Fauzi Farah** of Nazareth for donating to their Middle Eastern Lunch and Bake Sale *in loving memory of his father Elias Tawfic Farah*.



ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC is Saturday, June 29th at Flushing Valley Golf Club.

The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and to raise money for our church. Hole

Sponsorships are needed, which is great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity for a business for only \$125 (see flier on Narthex Table).

Donations of prizes, gift cards and/or money to buy gifts are also

needed ~ you do not need to be a golfer to support this wonderful event. If you are interested or need more information, see Tony Daoud (810-730-1011).

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.	
TODAY	Burbar Baptism	2pm
Monday	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles	6-8pm
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	6pm
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting	6:15pm
	Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.	
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions	5pm

The Two Great Commandments:

“Love thy God with all your heart, mind...” and secondly, “Love thy neighbor...”

by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

We live in a world bombarded with thousands of messages, some subtle and some not so subtle, of merchandising which influences the way we interact with others, and the way we relate to God. Much of what we glean from these messages is narcissistic in nature, estranging us from one another. We become so self-absorbed that we fail to live authentically as Christians, being peacemakers, working towards justice, failing to forgive those who have wronged us, and not being compassionate towards those in need of mercy and charity. *“Those who hear the word ought to give proof of the work of the word in their own souls”* (St. Macarios the Great).

If we wear a cross around our neck, make the sign of the cross in perfect order, keep the fast periods, but have not the love of the poor we have gained nothing. Christ Himself told us that we cannot love God Whom we’ve not seen, if we do not love our neighbor. If we do not give alms to the poor and speak out for human justice, we will have gained nothing. If we do not treat everyone with respect and love, and show mercy to all, we have not Christ in us.

We must put on Christ with the rising of the sun, and with its going down. Christ must be in every word we speak and in every action of our heart. He must reign supreme in our lives, that all see Christ in us, just as we must see Christ in every person with whom we come in contact. *“I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me”* (Galatians 2:20).

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- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Right Reverend
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

Diocese of Toledo and
The Midwest

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

June 6, 2019

**Feast of the Ascension
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

“Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.”

Dear Reverend Fathers, Parish Councils, and Diocesan Faithful,

I greet you on this great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, praying that all is well with your families and your respective parishes.

We are less than a few weeks away from gathering for our 2019 Midwest diocesan Parish Life Conference. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you, and to celebrate our diocesan achievements of all our Ministries: especially our youth.

We ask you to ensure your parish is represented at all diocesan organization and ministry meetings. We expect the parish to support the delegate(s) financially, in order to attend our annual diocesan family gathering. Registration and donations for the “ad-less” conference for all attendees is available on our diocesan website at <https://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html>. Please register as soon as possible in order for our host parish to plan accordingly.

As mentioned, this special and unique conference will be “ad-less”. Though there will not be a souvenir journal, parishes and individuals are asked to offer what they normally would if there was a journal.

We thank God for the tireless efforts of our host pastor, the Very Reverend James Ellison, the Conference Committees, and the faithful of Saint Nicholas-Urbana, IL for hosting this year’s Parish Life Conference.

I look forward to seeing you soon and for us all to celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning prior to the Awards brunch and your departure to your homes.

May God grant us safe travels and a fruitful gathering!

Yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

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“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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